



## San José Fire Department

DARRYL VON RAESFELD, FIRE CHIEF

May 13, 2008

Dear Neighbor:

As we have previously informed you, the City is proposing to build a new Fire Station No. 37 on the south parking area of the Willows Senior Center in the Lincoln Glen Park campus located on 2175 Lincoln Avenue. This project is part of the City of San José's Public Safety Bond Program, approved by voters in March 2002, which is adding, relocating and upgrading fire stations and police facilities; improving training facilities; and improving the Police and Fire 9-1-1 communications facilities.

The new fire station would be designed to essential facility standards, which will help to ensure the station's operation during power outages, an earthquake, or other natural disasters. Furthermore, the twenty-four hour staffing of the fire station would add a public safety presence to surrounding neighborhoods. The location of the new station would significantly improve emergency medical and fire suppression services to the surrounding community when seconds count. The station will also serve as a "Safe Place" and "Safe Surrender" location.

The parking area proposed for the project is considered parkland and will require approval by the voters of San José before the City could use it for a fire station. There are a series of meetings scheduled leading to the June 2008 Council hearing for the placement of this item on the ballot in the November 2008 election. We value your input and welcome your attendance at these meetings. All of the meetings will be held in City Hall, located at 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San Jose, CA 95113. If you are driving, the parking garage entrance is on Sixth Street between Santa Clara and San Fernando Streets. Please bring your parking ticket to the meeting for validation.

- Public Safety Bond Citizen Oversight Committee  
May 21, 2008 4:30 pm in Tower Room 644
- Parks and Recreation Commission  
May 21, 2008, 5:30 pm in Wing Room 120  
<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns/commsagenda.asp>
- City Council  
~~June 17, 2008, 1:30 pm in the Council Chambers~~

DATE CHANGE

→ June 19, 2008  
8:30 am

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/clerk/Agenda/20080619/20080619a.pdf>

Comments and questions may be addressed to Tom Bohn, Deputy Director at 408-277-2690.

  
Darryl Von Raesfeld  
Fire Chief